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Atty. Docket No. IDE61601

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: : PCT/JP98/05515
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INAGAKI, Takeo et al : :
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Serial No.: 09/367,483 : Art Unit: 1712
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Filed: August 12, 1999 : Examiner: Mark ZIMMER
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For: LOW CROSS-LINKING-DENSITY : :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment concurrently filed with
a continued prosecution application, applicant requests that the
above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1 and 7 as follows: